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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

April 7, 2003

Sir:

The Office Action of March 12, 2003 requires election of one of two species and election of one of three sub-species. Species 1 is depicted in Figures 1-3 of the drawings, while Species II is depicted in Figures 9 and 10 of the drawings. Sub Species A is depicted in Figure 4, Sub Species B in Figures 5 and 6, and Sub Species C in Figures 7 and 8.

In response to the requirement, Applicant elects Species I shown in Figures 1-3, and Sub Species A, shown in Figure 4.

Claim 1 is generic. Claim 2 covers Species I. Claim 3 covers Species II. Claim 4 cover Sub Species A. Claim 5 covers Sub Species B. Claims 6 and 7 cover Sub Species C. Claim 8 covers Species I and Species II, and thus is generic.

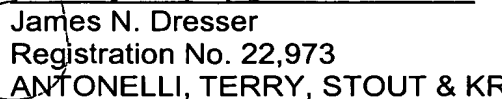
Claims 1, 2, 4, and 8 cover the elected Species and Sub Species.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 358.41077X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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